

REMARKS

By way of this Preliminary Amendment, the filing date of International Patent Application No. PCT/JP00/05221 has been amended. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been introduced and entry is therefore respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the Preliminary Amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

CONCLUSION

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Paragraph on page 1, lines 5-7, has been amended as follows:

This is a Continuation-In-Part application of International Patent Application serial No. PCT/JP00/05221 filed on ~~August 8, 2000~~ August 3, 2000 now pending.